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## International experts to speak at upcoming Canon Law Society Conference

The Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand (CLSANZ) is delighted to announce its 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, taking place from 2-5 September 2024, at Rydges South Bank, Brisbane. The event will feature a line-up of internationally acclaimed speakers, providing a comprehensive platform for discussing pivotal issues in canon law and providing lay persons and clerics the opportunity to enhance their professional development.

In addition, the conference will feature workshops applicable to the work of canonical tribunals and preliminary investigations, and other relevant topics, providing attendees with practical skills and knowledge.

CLSANZ President Fr Ken Cafe ofm, expressed his enthusiasm for the upcoming conference, and commented on the skills attendees will gain from the four-day event.

“We are delighted to host our 57<sup>th</sup> conference at the Rydges South Bank, allowing our members to reconnect in person and engage deeply with critical issues in canon law,” Fr Ken said.

“The event will provide lay people and clergy with the opportunity to listen to an array of talented speakers, while enriching their understanding of canon law. The sessions and workshops are designed to equip attendees with the practical knowledge and skills that are essential in addressing contemporary challenges in the Catholic Church’s legal framework.”

The key presenters and highlights of the conference include:

- **Dr Edward Morgan KC** - An internationally recognised authority in penal canon law, Dr Morgan will deliver a keynote on justice in the penal process. His extensive experience in church tribunals and canonical advocacy will bring invaluable insights.
- **Fr Giorgio Giovanelli** - A moral theologian and canon law expert, Fr Giovanelli will draw on his experience as a Marriage Commissioner with the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, when he discusses simulation in marriage; substantive and procedural law.



- **Dr Rocio Figueroa** - A leading voice in the aftermath of the New Zealand Royal Commission, Dr Figueroa will share her expert analysis and conclusions. Her work on clerical abuse and advocacy for survivors highlights her commitment to justice and reform within the Church.
- **Dr Chad Glendinning** - As the Dean of the Canon Law Faculty at Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Dr Glendinning specialises in sacramental and liturgical law, and will host a session on Juridical Reflections on the Synod on Synodality.

*For more information and to register, visit [CLSANZ Conference 2024](#).*

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